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Old films come back from the dead for new audiences

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SmartCard now good for pizza, so much more

Printing, copying, shopping and charging are all facets of the ID

KATE HOWELL
Staff Writer

The UCF SmartCard is now accepted at the McDonald's and Domino's Pizza in the UC7 Plaza at Alafaya Trail and University Boulevard, and may be coming to other retailers soon.

"We're in the early stages of expanding outward," said Maya Fluharty, of UCF Card Services. "When or who isn't certain yet, but we're aiming mainly for restaurants."

The SmartCard works like a debit card. "The money goes straight from your card to the retailer," Fluharty said. "There are no fees and, no, UCF does not get a kickback every time the card is used. UCF and off-campus retailers are cooperating in order to increase student usage of the

SmartCard and, on the store's side, attract more UCF students [to the businesses]."

The SmartCard can actually be turned into a debit card and linked to a SunTrust account. "Since everyone who gets financial aid is now being issued a SunTrust account, many people are using their cards this way," Fluharty said. "It's more convenient this way."

Student Quesadrian Grant agreed. "I keep a checking account at Bank of America, but I keep my school money in my SunTrust account," Grant said. "This way I don't have to wait for my financial aid check to arrive in the mail, and I don't accidentally spend my book money on clothes."

The SmartCard can hold funds for three separate purses. Purse one is the multi-purse and can be used at campus vending machines, copy machines, computer lab printing and laundry machines. Recently, purse one replaced the familiar blue-and-white copy cards at the library.

Money from old copy cards can be transferred to the SmartCard and money can be added to purse one at the library.

Purse two is the academic purse, with a \$5,000 limit that can be used at the bookstore and for tuition only. "This makes it easier to keep school money separate from money you can actually spend," Grant said. This purse is PIN-protected, and if the card is lost or stolen the balance can be transferred to a new card the next business day.

Purse three is the retail purse. Like purse two, it has a \$5,000 limit and is PIN-protected. "Purse three is good for larger purchases, like the kind made at the computer store or Health Services," Fluharty said.

The three purses should not be confused with DB Dollars and Flex Bucks, which are accessed by the black magnetic strip on the back of each UCF card. This is a separate debit program that's controlled by Dining Services.

When a student withdraws from classes or graduates, UCF does not automatically absorb the balance of their card accounts.

However, "Students who are leaving just have to fill out a form and bring proof of graduation or withdrawal, and their money will be sent to them by check," Fluharty said. If the money on the card goes unclaimed for four years from the last time it was used, then the money will revert back to the university.



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The Marketplace currently boasts an international food station. Starting in fall, the cafeteria will also allow students to choose from stations boasting popular diet-friendly food, including Atkins Diet.

Marketplace jumps on diet trend

Carb counters, dieters get more options

MEGAN MATUSZAK
Staff Writer

Followers of the newest trend diets often run into a brick wall when trying to follow strict nutritional regimens while eating on campus. Soon though, that problem will be as old as the grapefruit diet as the Marketplace is rolling out a new diet-friendly problem entitled Just4U this fall.

There are five main categories that the food in the Just4U program will focus on: 15 or fewer grams of total carbs, fewer than 300 calories, fewer than 480 milligrams of sodium, fewer than 30 percent of calories from fat and vegetarian.

"The Just4U options will be broken down very specifically," said Marketing Director Bill Hartley. "Students will be able to see the nutrition content just like they would on the side of a box of cereal."

Included in the new set-up will be nutrition signs posted on healthier food items, as well as icon signs that focus on the more popular diets' requirements. The new program will make finding the right food for each student easy by tagging them with an icon sign depicting it as "low fat," "heart healthy" or "carb counter."

Freshman Ken Swan looks forward to having that much nutritional information available.

"I work out a lot, and protein content is something I am very interested in," Swan said. "I try to eat about 50 grams of protein in each meal, so having that informa-

tion available will make my protein counting easier."

Management of the Marketplace knew the facility needed to offer more health-friendly items after the staff reviewed the results of an opinion survey given out to customers last spring.

"Our students overwhelmingly demanded healthier options," Hartley said.

According to a news release from ARAMARK, the company that runs the Marketplace, dozens of registered dietitians and chefs of ARAMARK have tested the menu to ensure that the displayed information is accurately reflected in the food.

The chefs and staff of the Marketplace also will be trained in the specifics of the Just4U program to ensure things are run properly.

The new program will not affect the choices offered to stu-

dents who are not interested in special diets. The new program will only add options, not take any away.

Initially, the Just4U program will be offered in a trial mode to gauge students' needs. For example, if there is not a demand for Just4U options at breakfast, the Marketplace might only offer limited items from the new menu at that time. It all depends on what customers want.

Hospitality students will also be able to enjoy the Just4U program at the off-campus cafeteria in the Rosen School of Hospitality Management.

Football player Josh Stephens eats at the Marketplace three to four times a day during football season. He says he will be interested in the healthy options the Mar-

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Grads to hear Miss America

ANDRES HEALY
News Editor

Current Miss America and UCF student Ericka Dunlap will be one of three commencement speakers as UCF hands out 1,954 degrees during graduation ceremonies Saturday at the UCF Arena.

A senior majoring in advertising and public relations in the College of Arts and Sciences, Dunlap will address graduates from that college and the College of Education in a ceremony starting at 3:30 p.m.

"Hopefully she'll tell them what a great time she's had — how UCF has been important to her — and inspire those people to do wonderful things like she's done wonderful things," said Dan Holsenbeck, vice president of University Relations.

He added that Dunlap jumped at the invitation. "This was particularly appealing to her because this is her college, and she probably has some friends in the crowd," he said.

Dunlap, a former Miss Florida, will relinquish her Miss America crown on Sept. 18, when the next pageant winner is chosen.

Students from the Colleges of Engineering and Computer Sciences, Optics and Photonics and Health and Public Affairs will be awarded degrees in a ceremony starting at 8:30 a.m. State Sen. Dan Webster will be the speaker.

At noon, the Colleges of Business Administration and Hospitality Management will hold their ceremony, with Caroline Roberts, chairman of the Florida Board of Governors, speaking.

Tickets are required for admission to each ceremony. Students who need extra tickets can pick them up today through Friday outside of the UCF Bookstore.

Attendees are encouraged to park in the East Garage or area parking lots, as the Arena parking lot is closed for renovation.

Graduates at each ceremonies should be ready for the processional 10 minutes before the stated start time.



CFE FILE PHOTO

Ericka Dunlap, crowned as Miss America last fall in Atlantic City, New Jersey

Plan for new visual and performing arts school sketchy at best

MONICA PANAKOS
Staff Writer

A new school at UCF for the visual and performing arts — to include music, theater and graphic design — is under consideration by the administration as a possible home for students whose disciplines require more individual, hands-on instruction.

Officials will not say when

such a school might open, although the 2005-2015 Master Plan released last week lists several new arts-related buildings that will be built or renovated within the next decade.

Kathryn Seidel, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said decisions regarding the restructuring of the visual and performing arts will not be locked in until after the new art, music, and theater department

chairman arrive next month, so they can offer their opinions.

Discussions about the possible school began when Provost Terry Hickey met with all academic departments last spring. "In doing that," he said, "it became clear that there was interest in the visual and performing arts units and some structure that would recognize how they are different."

Part of the discussion centers

on the need for small classes in those majors, which makes the courses more expensive to offer. "The performing arts and visual arts are at somewhat of a disadvantage because they are more of an apprenticeship program, more one-on-one," Hickey said. "While it's important for the training of musicians and artists, it is an inefficient way from the productivity standpoint of training students, because [the

departments] cannot produce as many credit hours as other units can."

Grouping together the arts units might increase their productivity, he said. "It won't surprise me if a proposal for a school for visual and performing arts comes forward, because I even suggested that might be a good idea," Hickey added.

In the planning stages, officials would have to decide how

big the school would be and then try to keep its size constant while striving to increase quality, he said.

The new buildings proposed in the Master Plan, which can be accessed at <http://www.fp.ucf.edu/mp2005/>, include an Arts Complex II for the performing arts as well as a band building; if finding is

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Around Campus

News and notices for the UCF community

Classes, Future both take a break

With the end of classes on Friday, the *Future* will take a break and return with its next weekly edition on Aug. 16.

Starting Aug. 23, the *Future* will resume a twice-a-week schedule, printing every Monday and Thursday throughout the fall semester.

Residence halls close at noon Saturday. Grades are due on Aug. 4 and will be available on POLARIS after 9 a.m. Aug. 6. After a two-week break, residence halls re-open Aug. 18 and fall classes begin Aug. 23.

Trustees to discuss Master Plan

The UCF Master Plan will be up for discussion when the Board of Trustees meets from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. tomorrow in the Student Union Cape Florida Room.

The plan, which is required by the Florida Legislature to be updated every five years, outlines UCF's goals for the next 10 years. Trustees will consider changes in the plan before it's accepted and sent for approval to the governor's office. The 2005-2015 Master Plan, released last week, can be viewed online at <http://www.fpu.edu/mp2005/>.

The latest incarnation sets aside all wetlands on campus as protected land, adds a new parking garage and dorm unit as well as several other new buildings, and incorporates new intramural fields on the south end of campus. It also states an enrollment goal of 48,000 students in 2014.

Several new degree programs also are outlined in the plan, including the addition of master's degrees in creative writing, dance, film, music, exercise physiology, nutrition, middle school education and biomedical engineering. The degree programs are part of an effort to elevate UCF to the status of a major research university.

The plan also includes less tangible goals, such as a push to pursue minorities and women as students and employees, as well as providing an international focus to the curriculum and research programs. It does not, however, identify a source of funds for most of the projects.

Local activists previously embraced compromises with UCF over the plan, which now includes a buffer area around protected land, a proposed greenhouse and detailed drainage run-off systems.

Attack of the robots

A billiards competition involving robots from the UCF summer robot camp will take place at 3 p.m. tomorrow at the Engineering II Building atrium. The winning team will go on to the finals, testing its robot's ability to navigate through a maze, at 3 p.m. Friday.

For more information on either event, call Buzz Dawson at 407-733-2899.

Let us know

The *Future* wants to hear from you! If you have a club, organization or event and want your information to be considered for the Around Campus column, send a fax to 407-447-4556 or an e-mail to editor@ucfnews.com. Deadlines are 5 p.m. Monday for the Wednesday edition.

DECISION '04

Presidential pageant

Political prowess can be found in issues and speeches, also in hairstyles and dress

HEIDI A. DE VRIES
Managing Editor

WHO'S HOT, WHO'S NOT?

Research shows that looks factor into a politician's ability to win. Which pretty faces triumphed in the past presidential elections? Democrats on the left, Republicans on the right.

1960



Kennedy*



Nixon

1964



Johnson*



Goldwater

1968



Humphrey



Nixon*

1972



McGovern



Nixon*

1976



Carter*



Ford

1980



Carter



Reagan*

Since the advent of television, the physical attractiveness of political candidates has been fodder for everyone from daytime talk-show hosts to political action committees.

Naturally, looks of a candidate are important in how voters see the future office-holder as a person. They also become important later — prominent features become fodder for political cartoonists.

"There's physical attractiveness — certain standards of beauty," said Terri Fine, an associate professor of political science who taught a class this summer about politics and public opinion, and another on political psychology. There is also a more subtle attractiveness rating voters assign to campaigners, which has to do with attitude and how a person carries himself. "We know that [Democratic vice presidential candidate John] Edwards is a very active campaigner," Fine said. "But [Vice President Dick] Cheney appears on-screen as being annoyed or even mad about having to campaign."

The attitude of attractiveness also has to do with how candidates and their representatives display themselves. Recently, Kerry's wife, Theresa Heinz, strived to become known as Theresa Heinz Kerry. The change is similar to the different levels of success former President Bill Clinton had during his run in politics when his wife changed her name. "First she was known as Hillary Rodham, and her husband lost his run for governor of Arkansas," Fine said. "She changed to Hillary Clinton, and he won. On the day of her husband's inauguration, the press release read Hillary Rodham Clinton, and she's been that ever since."

Fine said that the distinction is, "Theresa Heinz doesn't use it as a feminist statement, she's a widow. She's recognizing who she is — a mother of three sons with the last name of Heinz and the woman in charge of the Heinz Foundation."

Physical attractiveness may, however, be more important when it comes to distinguishing candidates. James Schubert of Northern Illinois University and Margaret Curran of Richard Stockton College in New Jersey have compiled research that shows what physical features are considered attractive or desirable in a candidate. According to their research, voters look for what are considered "powerful features" such as symmetrical

faces, prominent cheekbones and pronounced brow ridges.

"Especially early on in primaries, when issues are not clearly defined, physical looks and the public response can have an effect on who makes it onto the ballot," Schubert wrote in his research.

"Outside of politics, people do respond more favorably to more attractive people," Fine said. "Within the political realm, voters are more comfortable with attractive candidates, which therefore makes them more appealing."

Though Fine's public opinion students collaboratively said they wouldn't allow looks to sway them in a political race, it's commonly found that looks are important to political races. John F. Kennedy would not have won the 1960 debate against Richard Nixon and would have taken a hit in the race had the television not shown Nixon's sweating, tired visage.

"Nixon looked awful, he had the flu," Fine explained. "He

"The most attractive president we've ever had was Theodore Roosevelt. He really deserves that recognition."

— TERRI FINE
POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR

used makeup called 'lazy shade' to hide the facial growth. Kennedy was playing a dirty trick, saying he couldn't see his notes, so they had to keep turning up the lights [on the stage]."

Fine said that physical attractiveness can occasionally make or break a candidate. "Looks can draw attention away from the real issues of the campaign — look what the media did with [Democratic hopeful Dennis] Kucinich's hair."

In years that a debate has aired, the taller candidate in the presidential race has always won the White House — except in 1976, when Jimmy Carter won despite his 5-foot-9 1/2-inch height going against the 6-foot-tall Gerald Ford.

Kerry is the taller of the candidates this year, and Fine said he's probably the more attractive candidate as well. When asked about Kerry's

1984



Mondale



Reagan*

1988



Dukakis



Bush*

1992



Clinton*



Bush

1996



Clinton*



Dole

2000



Gore



Bush*

2004



Kerry



Bush

rumored Botox usage, Fine replied, "People might think of this as being shallow. But we really have a double standard when it comes to these things — if women didn't get it, we would look down on them."

Despite her reluctant support of Kerry's looks, she said that he not the best-looking presidential hopeful by far. "The most attractive president we've ever had was Theodore Roosevelt. He really deserves that recognition."



Roosevelt

Nation & World

Keep current with headlines you may have missed

First U.S. officer charged with murder in Iraq faces hearing

FRANKFURT, Germany — The first U.S. soldier charged with murder in Iraq is maintaining his innocence as he faces hearings that could lead to his court-martial for the shooting of a man during the hunt for Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

Capt. Rogelio M. Maynulet, 29, is due to appear today before a U.S. military court in Hanau, outside Frankfurt, for a military version of a U.S. grand jury investigation.

Maynulet was charged June 12 with murder and dereliction of duty for the suspected killing of an "unidentified paramilitary member" May 21 near Kufa, south of Baghdad.

He is not in custody.

Missing woman had upsetting phone call before disappearance

SALT LAKE CITY — The last day her co-workers saw her, Lori Hacking was leaving work early July 16, stunned and sobbing after getting a phone call.

Colleagues said Hacking had been arranging for on-campus housing at the University of North Carolina medical school and that they believe the school was returning a call to say her husband, Mark Hacking, was not enrolled there, as he had told her.

After she vanished, police and family members learned Mark Hacking had not even graduated from college.

Her husband has become the focus of the police investigation.

Clinton tells revved-up Democrats that Kerry would 'rally the world'

BOSTON — It was former President Bill Clinton and his wife who were the Democratic convention's stars Monday.

New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton revved up the packed convention hall by saying Kerry "will lead the world, not alienate it."

When the former president took the stage, delegates jumped up, screamed, applauded and waved placards. Clinton quickly turned the focus to insisting that Kerry would be a good commander in chief.

In keeping with the Democratic convention strategy of avoiding strong Bush-bashing, Clinton jabbed the Republicans sharply on the economy, tax cuts and corporate windfalls, while taking more subtle digs at the president himself.

UK schoolboy sentenced to life for stabbing fellow pupil

LONDON — A 16-year-old boy was sentenced to life imprisonment Tuesday for the stabbing murder of a fellow pupil at a village school.

Judge John Goldring ordered that Alan Pennell serve a minimum of 12 years of the life sentence.

Pennell was 15 when used a flick knife to stab Luke Walmsley, 14, through the heart in a hallway at Birkbeck School in North Somercotes, eastern England.

Pennell had claimed he stabbed Walmsley in self-defense, but a jury at Notting-

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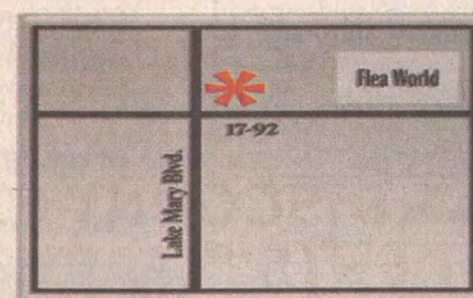
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Higher Education

What's in the news at colleges around the country

Belarus orders private university in Minsk closed

MINSK, Belarus — Belarusian authorities have ordered closure of a university funded largely from Western countries whom authoritarian President Alexander Lukashenko often denounces for meddling in the country, the school's provost said Tuesday.

The European Humanities University is the second university to be shut down in the past nine months.

Authorities criticized the university for having Western European and U.S. professors lecture at the school.

Last fall, authorities shut down the country's sole university that taught Jewish studies.

In March, Lukashenko called for reforms in education to strengthen the government's position in that field, saying there was a "battle for the minds of our people" going on in the country.

ECU distance learning includes Fayetteville worker in Iraq

GREENVILLE, N.C. — East Carolina University introduced Enoc Rodriguez, 32, of Fayetteville, on Monday as the first East Carolina student to take courses in a war zone through its online distance-learning program.

Rodriguez will be pursuing a degree in information and computer technology while working as a civilian computer network administrator at a military camp about an hour south of Baghdad.

He has worked in Iraq for the past five months. He stopped in Greenville on the tail end of a two-week vacation to sign up for class. In Iraq, he'll pursue his coursework over the next seven months.

Start of school means smoking ban at SIUC

CARBONDALE, Ill. — Southern Illinois University will stomp out smoking on much of the Carbondale campus this school year.

When school starts next month, students, faculty and staff will no longer be able to smoke in residence halls or within 25 feet of buildings on campus. The student center will also stop selling tobacco products.

The school plans to rely largely on smokers to voluntarily follow the new rules because enforcing the ban would be time consuming and costly, said Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for student affairs and enrollment management.

UA administrators receive higher pay raises than faculty

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Top administrators at the University of Arkansas flagship campus — with the exception of the one at the very top — got bigger raises this year than most other employees of the school.

Chancellor John A. White didn't accept a raise, instead passing on the money to his vice chancellors. They got raises ranging from 5 percent to nearly 12 percent.

Most staff members received a 2.7 percent raise, while faculty and other employees competed for merit raises from a 2.7 percent salary pool. Faculty and top administrators didn't receive a raise last year.

New grant to help historically black colleges

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige announced a new \$1 million grant to help historically black colleges.

Paige, who addressed a seminar of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education on Sunday, said the federal grant will help colleges enhance operations, better train senior executives and improve institutional governance.

Paige said more minority teachers are desperately needed. Only 10 percent of the nation's 3 million teachers are from minority communities, he said. That is unacceptable, he said, considering that more than 40 percent of students are from minority communities.

Nation & World

FROM A2

ham Crown Court deliberated for just four hours Monday before finding him guilty of murder.

Car salesman pleads guilty in South Florida identity-theft ring

WEST PALM BEACH — A car salesman pleaded guilty to stealing credit card information from customers as part of an identity theft scheme that bilked nearly \$1 million from up to 500 victims in the state.

Gary Marc, 34, pleaded guilty Monday in Palm Beach County Circuit Court to conspiracy to commit racketeering and 10 counts of fraudulent use of personal identification information.

Marc stole credit card information from customers at car dealerships in Broward and Miami-Dade counties and sold it to seven co-defendants, who paid \$100 per name.

Boy who "divorced" murderer father wants to help others

CANTON, Mass. — A teen who won a groundbreaking legal battle to "divorce" his father — who murdered his mother but tried to keep a hand in the boy's affairs — says he wants to make it easier for

other child victims of domestic violence to do the same.

Patrick Holland, 14, said he would advocate for a law in Massachusetts that makes domestic murder grounds for termination of parental rights. Five states have such laws.

Patrick was one of the first children independently to initiate a termination proceeding against one parent for killing the other, despite the fact that he had a permanent home with his legal guardians.

Murder trial in Alaska focuses on a pickup truck's dashboard DVD

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Prosecutors have accused a pickup truck's driver of second-degree murder for watching a movie instead of the road when he crashed head-on into the Jeep.

The pickup's driver, Erwin J. Petterson Jr., denies using the DVD player on Oct. 12, 2002 and contends he was only listening to music from a CD when his truck crossed the double yellow line along Seward Highway and killed two people.

Petterson, 29, is accused of killing Robert Weiser, 60, and his wife Donna Weiser, 56, of Anchorage. In his truck was a DVD player, speakers and a Sony PlayStation 2.

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Former President Bill Clinton spoke to delegates during the Democratic National Convention at the FleetCenter in Boston, Monday, July 26, 2004. He and wife, Sen. Hillary Clinton of New York were the stars of the show. Today, Kerry arrives at the convention.

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Elvis lives!

Pics with King
creative idea for
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HEIDI A. DE VRIES
Staff Writer

Elvis may be dead, but that doesn't mean he can't help stop heart disease.

Twenty-four UCF teams are raising money for the American Heart Association Heart Walk to fight heart disease and stroke in Central Florida.

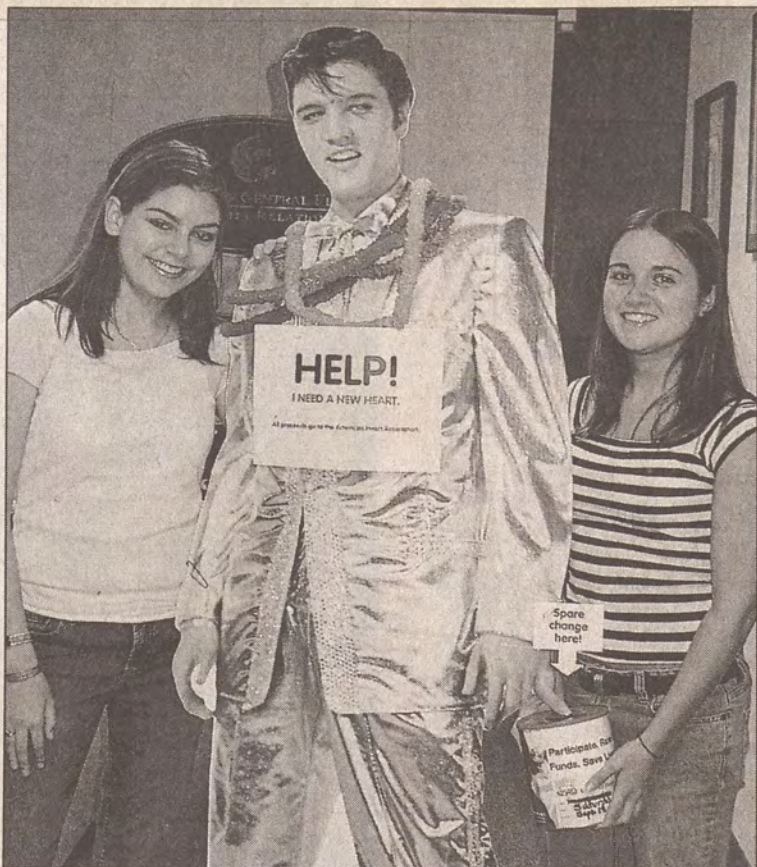
Though many of the teams are holding bake sales or collecting spare change to meet their fund-raising goals, the UCF Marketing Department has snagged the help of The King. Two interns have been pimping Elvis to raise the cash.

"We kinda go a little loopy sometimes," advertising/public relations major Amy Schwartz said. She and digital media/graphic design major Kim Sickles have been charging people 50 cents for a photo with a cardboard cutout of Elvis himself. With a sign that hangs around his neck saying "Elvis needs a new heart," the two 20-year-olds have raised about \$55 so far.

The idea was a spontaneous one.

Both Schwartz and Sickles are interns in the University Relations office, which already was home to the life-size cutout of Elvis, Schwartz said. They adopted it as their own.

During the course of their work in that office, the two became accustomed to occasional computer problems that caused them to call on Michael Alford, a computer technician. But whenever Alford arrived to help, the problems seemed



HEIDI A. DE VRIES / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE
Amy Schwartz, left, and Kim Sickles jointly came up with the idea to use Elvis to raise money.

to fix themselves; his presence alone appeared to do the trick.

Instead of a cutout of Elvis, "We should just have a big cutout of Michael," Sickles joked.

That's when they pasted a picture of Alford over Elvis's face. Amused by their ingenuity, the two women decided to drag the cutout across campus to share their handiwork with Alford's wife, who works in another department.

Along the way, however, they encountered people who took note and commented on the doctored Elvis figure.

"We realized people may not know who Michael is, but we knew they'd know who Elvis was," Schwartz said. They decided to try and capitalize on the idea. They removed the image of Alford's face, pulled out a digital camera and started charging people to have their picture taken with the pop icon as a way to start raising money for the Heart Walk.

"At 5 p.m. on the dot, we stood [outside Millican Hall]," Schwartz said. The two stopped employees leaving for

the day and took pictures of them and their co-workers, collecting the money in a decorated tin can. (To see the photos, go to <http://universitymarketing.ucf.edu/elvis.html>.)

A co-captain of their fund-raising team, Mayra Hoffman, is proud of her interns for the two days they spent gathering a big chunk of the \$450 raised by the team so far. "Our goal is \$3,000, and they really pushed us toward that with a great idea," Hoffman has just put in an order of "I heart UCF" shirts, which also will benefit the Heart Walk.

"We've been raising for a month, and we have until September to turn in the money, so I think we're going to make the goal," Hoffman said. The team plans to continue its bake sales and shirt sales and already has the outlines of a raffle. It will continue to offer pictures with Elvis as an added incentive.

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For this summer, Greece is the word

Graduate dishes on working at Olympics

Arin Sugarman is one of seven UCF graduates given the opportunity to put their recently earned degrees to the test in Athens, Greece, where they will be part of the hospitality team serving Olympic athletes. This is the first part of her running diary from the Games.



tions, which is very different than the grid system we have come to appreciate in the States. Churches can be found on almost every corner of any large city and are often ornate and filled with beautiful works of art.

Even the pace of life is different. The fast-paced world we have come to expect in America is very different from the slow, leisurely pace of Europe. Most Europeans still take breaks in the middle of the day to enjoy a nice lunch or rest before returning to work. Even major businesses, banks and stores close so the locals can enjoy this tradition, which might shock the average American who is accustomed to businesses following strict work hours.

The only Europeans I have found to be in a hurry are the cab drivers who roam the winding alleys and narrow streets. Many times I held on for dear life in the back of a cab, hoping the driver didn't really have a death wish.

In fact, anyone who's ever said that New York is the hardest place to drive a car has never been in Rome in the middle of rush hour — without any traffic signals.

After 10 days of traveling it was time for me to make my way to Athens, where I will spend the next three months working for ARAMARK as a team leader at the Summer Olympics.

I knew very little about what kind of accommodations to expect and was a bit nervous about living in an extra small, humid, stale, windowless hotel room — like those found all over Europe.

So when I arrived in Varkiza, a beach resort town just outside of Athens, I was relieved to see three familiar faces from UCF already hanging around my new home. We had all arrived in Athens at different times and by different means of transportation, but seeing them gave me the confidence to know I would make Greece my home for the next few months.

Nevertheless, the accommodations in Varkiza exceed my greatest expectations. The resort is beautiful and is situated right on the Aegean Sea. The newly built, white-washed cabana I will be shar-

ing with another UCF student is 10 feet from white sand beaches and crystal-clear water. Ten minutes away is a town called Gifalda, where the locals go to shop, dine and party.

Interestingly enough, this town is also home to a Starbucks, McDonald's, KFC, Pizza Hut, TGI Friday's and an Applebee's. This made me feel a bit more at home, though I have not yet been into any of them to compare the food here to the real thing we get in the States. I plan to do that soon, because even though the local cuisine is wonderful, every once in a while a girl is in the mood for a good ol' Big Mac.

For now I'm trying to settle in. Some adjustments have been harder than others, and I look forward to learning as much about this great country as I can over the next three months.

I am also looking forward to starting work. It's true what we've been hearing; Athens is not yet ready for the return of the Games to their birthplace. It will be interesting to see if the Greeks live up to their promise to get everything done at the last minute.

Arin Sugarman's diary will continue in the Aug. 16 issue.

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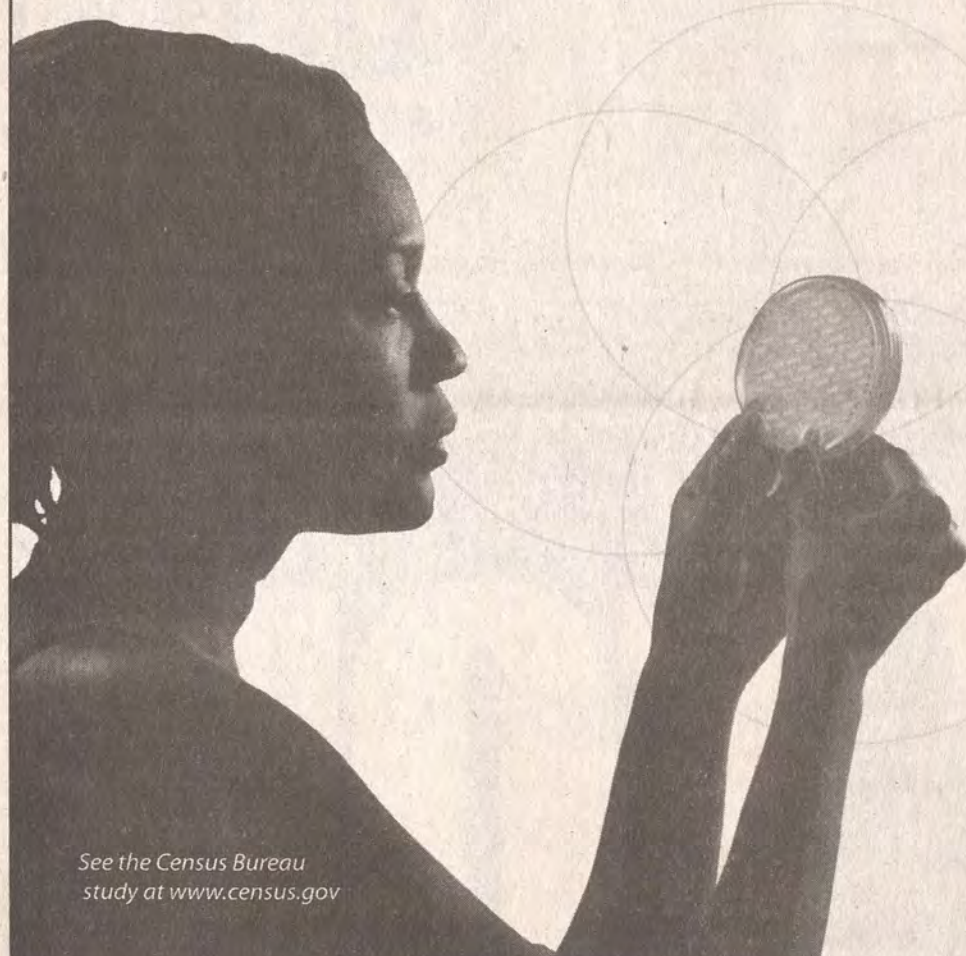
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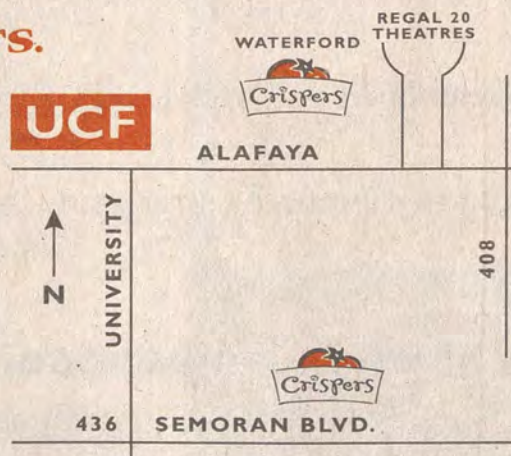
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How can I tell if the health information I am reading from the Internet is reliable?

With the growing popularity of the Internet it has become easier and faster to find health information. Much of this information is valuable, however, some isn't.

The Internet allows for the rapid and widespread distribution of false and misleading health information, so it is important for people to carefully consider the source of information and to discuss the information they find with their health-care provider. Listed below are tips that can help you decide whether the health information you find on the Internet or receive via e-mail from a Web site is likely to be accurate as well as reliable.

Who is responsible for maintaining the Web site?

First try to find out who is

responsible for the Web site. It should be clearly stated on every page along with a link to the site's homepage.

Who is paying for the Web site or what is its source of funding?

To run a Web Site can be costly. The site's source of funding should also be clearly stated. For example, Web addresses ending in ".gov" are federal government-sponsored sites, ".edu" indicates educational institutions, ".org" is often used by noncommercial organizations, and ".com" denotes commercial organizations. Remember the source of funding can affect what content is presented, how it is presented, and the goal the owners of the Web site want to accomplish.

What is the purpose of the Web site?

Many sites have a link to information regarding the site. You may find the purpose of the site at the link "About This Site." It should state the purpose clearly and help you to discern the trustworthiness of the information the site provides.

How is the information on the Web site documented and reviewed before it is posted?

The site should identify the evidence from which the information is based. Medical facts should have references, such as citations from medical journals. Advice and opinions should be set apart from evidence-based information. Health-related Web sites should give information about the medical credentials of the people who prepare or review the material on the Web site.

How current is the information on the Web site?

Web sites should be reviewed and updated on a regular basis. It is essential that medical information be current and that the most recent update or review date be clearly posted. Even if the information has not changed, it is helpful to know that the site owners have reviewed it recently to ensure the validity of the information.

How does the Web site choose links to other sites?

Reliable Web sites will have a policies about how they establish links to other sites. Some medical Web sites take a conservative approach and will not link to any other sites; some link to any site that asks or pays for a link; others will link only to sites that have met certain criteria.

What information about users does the Web site collect?

Web sites sometimes will track the path users take through their sites to discern what pages are being used. Many health-related Web sites will ask a user to "subscribe" or "become a member." Web sites may do this so they can collect a user fee or membership that will allow personal information about the user to be collected by Web site owners.

Review the information with a health-care provider who knows you and can help you to assess the information you have obtained.

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E-mail your questions to askadoc@mail.ucf.edu

Week in Science

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Senior Staff Writer

Link between obesity, overeating and addiction found

Mounting evidence suggests chronic overeating can be a form of substance abuse, according to researchers at University of Florida.

The researchers have shown that illicit drugs snare users because they engage brain pathways associated with appetite and the enjoyment of food. Four UF studies suggest a link between overeating, obesity and addiction and could lead to treatments for people struggling with weight problems, alcoholism or drug use.

Obesity is the second leading cause of premature death in the United States and is predicted to overtake tobacco use as the No. 1 cause within a few years.

New method developed to fight SARS

Human antibodies that thwart the SARS virus in mice can be mass-produced quickly using a new laboratory technique developed by an interna-

tional research team collaborating with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

The new technique could help develop SARS-specific antibodies that would help people recently exposed to the SARS virus. It can also make possible the development of a similar approach to prevent or treat other illnesses such as HIV/AIDS and hepatitis C.

Antibodies are made by special immune system cells called B cells. They are turned on by encounters to a new or repeat foreign "invader."

Mutant strains not sci-fi anymore

A fast-spreading mutant strain of syphilis has proved resistant to the antibiotic pills commonly used by patients.

Researchers at the University of Washington in Seattle have found at least 10 percent of syphilis samples from patients at sexually transmitted disease clinics in four cities had a strain resistant to the antibiotic azithromycin. Experts say doctors should switch to penicillin or other antibiotics instead. But some of those antibiotics can cause nausea and other undesirable side effects and must be taken

for a longer period of time.

Syphilis decreased in the United States through the 1990s, then increased 19 percent from 2000 to 2003, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Scientist still are uncertain about how mutant strains rise.

Allergic to pets? It may be your neighbors' fault.

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approved, construction would begin in 2007-2008. Also included is the long-discussed Florida Center for the Arts and Education, a downtown performing arts center with a hoped-for opening in 2008-2009; an Arts Complex III for music in 2010-2011; a renovation of the Colbourn Hall along with construction of a building for film in 2011-2012; renovation of the theater building in 2012-2013; and construction of a simulation and training building in 2012-2013.

Meanwhile, UCF already has moved ahead to raise its profile in the visual and graphic arts.

Last summer UCF christened a School of Film and Digital Media. This year that new school has entered into a partnership with Electronic Arts, a major video game distributor that has produced such popular games as *Madden NFL Football*, to create the Florida Interactive Entertainment Academy. The new academy is funded in part by a \$4.2 million grant from the Florida Legislature.

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— UCF WIDE RECEIVER COACH D.J. MCCARTHY

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Wide receivers look for success in new system

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ERIC KERNISH
Contributing Writer

During the offseason, the UCF Football team experienced several changes in its coaching staff.

The one change that could possibly make the biggest impact on the Knights' offense was the hiring of new wide receivers coach D.J. McCarthy. Not only does he bring experience and knowledge of the position to the Knights, but also his reputation for developing stars out of the receivers he coaches.

One of McCarthy's biggest accomplishments as a receivers coach was during his tenure at Nevada, where he

worked since 2000. He was credited for the growth and development of wide receiver Nate Burelson, who in 2002 caught a record-setting 138 passes to lead the nation in receptions. Burelson went on to set many Nevada and Western Athletic Conference records, all under the guidance of McCarthy. Currently, he is playing in the NFL for the Minnesota Vikings. Two other Nevada wide receivers coached by McCarthy, Maurice Mann and Willie Johnson, also accomplished making it to the NFL ranks.

According to McCarthy, the wide receivers he is working with at UCF possess a sufficient amount of talent, causing



Senior Luther Huggins made 26 receptions for 375 yards and two touchdowns last season.

an intense competition among them. He believes the competition will ultimately influence them to play at a higher level in 2004.

"If you want to get guys to play to their best ability and play at their peak performance, you've got to create some type of competition," McCarthy said. "I think with the depth that we have at this position, the guys competing against each other will want to be the best."

No. 7 Tavaris Capers

McCarthy says the group of receivers he has inherited, particularly Tavaris Capers, Luther Huggins and Brandon Marshall, has made his job a lot easier. McCarthy credits former UCF wide receiver coach Sean Beckton for turning them into solid players.

"I came into a great situation," McCarthy said. "I thought all three of those guys were coached well by their

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Bobby Bowden's Florida State Seminoles were named the ACC preseason favorite by the media.

State & Nation

Bowden's bunch ACC favorite

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Score an early victory for Florida State against its in-state rival.

The Seminoles, who are expected to have their Atlantic Coast Conference dominance challenged by the arrivals of Miami and Virginia Tech, were picked Monday to win the league race yet again. Florida State earned 49 first-place votes from an 88-member media panel at the ACC Football Kick-off, edging the Hurricanes by just 12 points.

The Seminoles have been voted the preseason favorite every year since opening ACC play in 1992. The Seminoles have gone on to win the league title in 11 of 12 seasons since, including two national championships.

But Florida State coach Bobby Bowden didn't seem to

take any additional significance for being picked over the Hurricanes.

"Nobody does the preseason better than me," joked Bowden, the winningest coach in Div. I-A history with 342 victories. "I am the preseason champ. I haven't got a trophy to show for it yet."

Florida State and Miami — which earned 36 first-place votes — won't have to wait long for their first conference scrap. The teams meet in a Labor Day opener, a game that will give the winner an early start in the race for the league title and a berth in the Bowl Championship Series.

"We're going to find out early what we're all about," Miami Coach Larry Coker said.

Virginia and Clemson earned the remaining first-place votes, finishing third and fourth in the balloting, respectively. Maryland was fifth, followed by the Hokies, who left the Big East

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ASHLEY BURNS
Sports Editor

Dare I dream?

How I've longed to be ESPN's Ron Burgundy

I've never been a big fan of reality television.

In fact, I downright loathe it.

The Swan, *Trading Spouses* and *Blow Out* are just three of the reasons I long for the days of *Balki Bartokomous*, *Alf* and *Steve Urkel*. They might have been characters on incredibly corny sitcoms, but at least they were creative.

That's why ESPN has always been my savior. The only reality I need is sports. But then a year ago ESPN threw its hat into the reality ring and lost a huge chunk of its network integrity when it released *Dream Job*.

The premise, much like every other piece of reality nonsense on TV, is simple: Twelve starry-eyed contestants battle for an anchor spot on *SportsCenter* and a brand new Mazda.

I'll admit I watched every episode last season. The comedy was amazing.

Watching these losers politely battle each other and pretend like they were friends was almost as entertaining as watching them all display their enormous lack of talent.

I'll also admit that I've got a bit of a chip on my shoulder when it comes to *Dream Job*. Last year, ESPN was in Tampa on Oct. 4, casting for the show's premier season. Where was I? I was watching UCF football barely — and I mean barely — pull off a win over Buffalo.

Basically I chose to stay in Orlando and watch my Knights beat the worst team in the nation in the ugliest game I've ever seen instead of chasing a chance to fulfill my sports anchor dreams.

Hi, my name is Ashley and I'm a complete moron.

But now the chance is back. This Friday at MGM Studios in Orlando, ESPN is casting for the second season of *Dream Job*. Thousands of Central Florida hopefuls will be spouting horribly contrived sports clichés with the hopes of becoming the next Chris Berman.

Do I think I stand a chance? Who cares?

If I make it, cool. If I don't make it, at least I'll get to sit in line for 10 hours and laugh at all of the crack heads who don't have the slightest grip on reality.

The crop of losers that went to the casting calls last year was downright hilarious. *Anchorman* was one ridiculously funny movie and it only came out a few weeks ago, but I think Will Ferrell might have found his inspiration watching some of the *Dream Job* auditions.

Who am I kidding? Put me in that same situation and I'd probably come off looking like a complete monkey, too. If I'm going down in flames, though, I'd rather do it with some flair.

Maybe I'll grow a porn-star mustache or I'll wear a pair of backless chaps. Maybe I'll talk the entire time with a horrible German accent or maybe I'll mime my parts. Maybe I'll bring a live lobster and introduce him as my spouse, or maybe I'll just recite lines from *Anchorman* the entire time.

If, by some glorious act of God, I manage to get on the show, there's one thing I'll steer clear of. One part of the first season of *Dream Job* actually damaged me mentally. With only a few weeks left in the season, it was revealed that contestant Mike Hall was serving more than just sports to fellow *Dream Job* castmember Maggie Haskins.

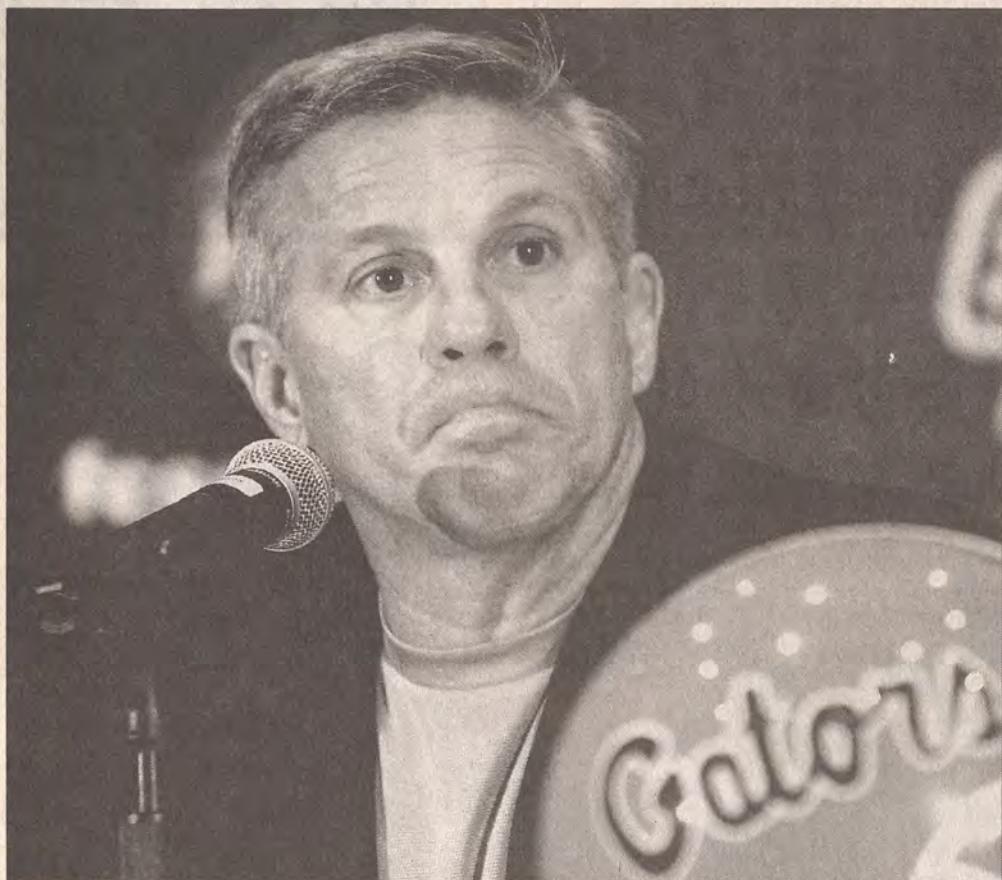
If you're going to be a sports anchor for ESPN, you need to have some decency and taste.

Maybe I'm lacking in the decency department, but I've got taste. I've got class, too. Class goes a long way in contests like these.

You stay classy, Central Florida.

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Miami enrolls a felon while Florida suspends scufflers



University of Florida football Coach Ron Zook suspended linebacker Channing Crowder and safety Jarvis Herring for the first game of the season for their roles in an altercation outside a Gainesville nightclub.

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Conference with Miami to join the ACC.

North Carolina State was picked seventh, with Georgia Tech, Wake Forest, North Carolina and Duke rounding out the field.

Miami and Virginia Tech officially joined the ACC on July 1, leaving the Big East Conference in a contentious process that ended last summer. Boston College will become the ACC's 12th member next year, giving the league the number of teams required for a lucrative conference title game.

The ambitious plan by ACC commissioner John Swofford was designed to make the league — once known as a basketball conference — the nation's best in football. At the very least, it has created an interesting race for the title and bowl bids this year.

The league gets two of the nation's most successful programs in the past five years in Miami and Virginia Tech. The Hurricanes have won 55 games and a national championship, while also reaching a title game during that time.

The Hokies, meanwhile, won 48 games and reached the title game in 1999.

In addition to Florida State, the new additions will face a league with five other teams — Virginia, Clemson, Maryland, N.C. State and Georgia Tech — coming off bowl victories.

"I'm not looking forward to these guys, because they're good," Coker said. "I think the league is very balanced and very good from top to bottom. I definitely think it's more than a two-team race."

Several coaches have said Florida State's arrival in the ACC before the 1992 season forced the rest of the league to improve to bridge the gap between the programs. This year's expansion could produce a similar result, they said.

"I think everybody in the conference will get better because everybody will recruit better," Virginia Tech Coach Frank Beamer said.

"In the end you've just got to be able to beat [Florida State and Miami]. I think we're probably getting closer all the time. ... But I want to tell you, when you line up against Miami, it's a day's work."

This year, competition for bowl berths will be intense. Despite adding two more teams, the league still has only six bowl bids.

Last year, Georgia Tech earned a bowl invitation at 6-6, while Virginia and N.C. State earned invitations at 7-5. Those records probably won't be good enough to earn a bid in 2004.

"It's like the Kentucky Derby," Maryland Coach Ralph Friedgen said. "There's a lot of good horses in this race. That's what's going to make it such a good race."

'Canes criminal will enroll

MIAMI — Miami will admit top recruit Willie Williams, but will impose

tough conditions on the star linebacker who has a lengthy arrest record the school was unaware of when it offered him a scholarship.

In a letter announcing the decision, university president Donna Shalala said the school has "placed the bar high" for Williams, considered the top high-school linebacker by many recruiting services.

"There will be academic conditions that he must meet to play football at Miami," Shalala wrote in the letter released to the campus community Tuesday. "Additionally, he will participate in a program that we provide for all athletes that provides mentoring, constructive counseling and monitoring of their behavior — both on and off campus."

Williams' attorney, Paul Lazarus, said he is "thrilled" over Miami's acceptance of his client and agrees with the conditions the school imposed.

"I think that will be the best thing for him," Lazarus said. "I expect him to fulfill all of his obligations to all segments of society."

Athletic Director Paul Dee and Coach Larry Coker scheduled a news conference later Tuesday, with Williams expected to attend.

The 6-foot-2-inch, 225-pound Williams pleaded no contest earlier this summer in two separate episodes that occurred in Gainesville during his official visit to Florida, one of his many pursuers. He faced a felony count of setting off fire extinguishers at his hotel, along with a misdemeanor battery charge for hugging a woman without consent.

Each plea resulted in a year's probation being levied against Williams, whose arrest record dates back to 1999, mainly for theft and burglary. What happened in Gainesville could have sent Williams to jail for a year; he was already on probation for a 2002 felony burglary charge.

A University of Miami panel ultimately recommended that the school admit the Parade All-American.

"They brought broad experience in reading complicated admissions applications, which in this case revealed a more accurate picture of a young man than what you have

read to date," Shalala wrote.

Williams had 83 tackles and 18 sacks last season, helping Miami Carol City win the Florida Class 6A title. His arrest record and the complaints levied against him in Gainesville were revealed Feb. 4, the same day Williams signed his letter of intent to enroll at Miami.

Miami freshmen report to camp Aug. 9, with practice scheduled to begin the next day. The Hurricanes open the season, their first in the Atlantic Coast Conference, on Sept. 6 against Florida State.

Zook suspends violent Gators

GAINESVILLE — The Florida Gators suspended linebacker Channing Crowder and safety Jarvis Herring for the season opener after both were arrested for scuffling with police outside a local nightclub earlier this summer, the team said Tuesday.

The Gators open the 2004 season at home against Middle Tennessee on Sept. 4.

Crowder, the SEC Freshman Defensive Player of the Year, was charged with disorderly conduct after he got into a loud argument outside The Palace nightclub, a Gainesville police report said. Herring was charged with resisting or obstructing without violence.

Police said Crowder got into two arguments during the incident and later led police on a foot chase when the linebacker followed one of the men he was arguing with. One officer fell during the chase and Crowder later refused to put his hands behind his back when police tried to handcuff him, the report said.

Crowder had been arrested outside the same bar last year for allegedly beating a man unconscious.

According to the report, Herring "repeatedly interfered" with the officers as they tried to arrest Crowder. He also refused officers' commands to leave the area.

Crowder led all freshmen nationally with 9.6 tackles per game. Herring played in 11 games last season, registering 24 tackles.

The Gators open fall practice on Aug. 9.

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Capers led UCF in receiving in 2003

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former coach. He did a good job, and now it's my job to make sure that I can continue the way he left off and try to take them to another level."

The Knights plan to go with seniors Capers and Huggins as the team's starting tandem for the second straight year. In 2003, both were asked to take on the huge job of replacing former starting receivers' Doug Gabriel and Jimmy Fryzel. As both receivers soon learned, replacing them was not going to be simple.

As it turned out, neither receiver had a great 2003 season due to the inconsistency of the Knights' offense, namely the quarterback position. This year, Capers and Huggins are both eager to get out on the field and prove to everyone what they are truly capable of.

After leading the team in both receptions (67), yards (585) and touchdowns (7) in 2003, Capers is being looked upon to play a large role in the offense once again. In contrast to last season, the Knights hope to see Capers use his deep speed more often and make bigger plays. Last year he averaged a trifling 8.7 yards per catch, the lowest average out of any current wide receiver who caught more than 10 passes in 2003.

Huggins is another player expected to have a stellar season. After catching only 26 passes for 375 yards and two touchdowns last year, he will be looked upon to play a more significant role on offense, and will most likely remain the No. 2 receiver.

With both Huggins and Capers playing together for so long, the two have built chemistry on the field. Huggins says because they played in high school together, they both have a good idea what each other of them will do during games.

"We just know everything about each other since we've



Junior wide receiver Brandon Marshall had a breakout game against FAU last season, catching five passes for 104 yards and one touchdown.

been together for so long," Huggins said. "We're always trying to encourage each other. If we make good plays, we congratulate each other. We make each other feel good, and then when we're down, we try to pick each other up. We're out there for each other."

Another receiver who excites the coaches is junior Brandon Marshall. In 2003, he showed signs of potential, finishing the season with 28 receptions for 377 yards, along with a pair of touchdowns. In the game against FAU, Marshall showed his capabilities by compiling 104 yards on five receptions, including a 29-yard touchdown catch in the second quarter.

The Knights believe running a balanced offense will provide the passing game with more opportunities for big plays. However, they know it won't be easy without the arm of former UCF quarterback Ryan Schneider.

"You can't replace a Ryan Schneider," Huggins said. "I mean, he was like one of the greatest quarterbacks, other than Daunte [Culpepper], to come through Central Florida. But I think our offense this year complements our quarterbacks, because it mixes in the run and the pass. It's not just a sling-the-ball-all-day type of offense. We have mobile quarterbacks this year, and that's a big plus we didn't have last year."

Also looking to contribute to the offense in 2004 is sophomore receiver Mike Walker. As a freshman he caught 21 receptions for 337 yards. According to the coaching staff, Walker has the potential to be one of the best receivers on the team when all is said and done.

Andre Sumpter, who is coming off a season-ending knee injury, will also plan to earn playing time. He is considered to be very talented, but

how well he recovers from his injury is the big question. The answer will determine just how much he plays.

Sophomore Brooks Turner and junior Al Peterson are also on the WR depth chart, and will compete for playing time. Freshman Sergiori Joachim and Chris Narsesian also plan to be in the mix.

The possibility of how good this receiving core can be in 2004 has become a pleasant distraction for McCarthy. He says just thinking about it causes him to get all wound up.

"I'm so excited about this group that I'm working with that it's hard for me to sleep at night," McCarthy said. "I like them because they want to be the best, they want to be together, they compete against each other and they push each other. They listen to what you tell them because they believe in what you're saying. It's just a pleasure to work with these kids."

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OUR STANCE

Eloquent but not appropriate

UCF student Erika Dunlap is beautiful, talented and elegant. She has accomplished what many women her age only dream of.

She's been a distinguished guest at a variety of events and a generously symbolic Miss America — she spent last Thanksgiving not with her family, but singing to American soldiers in Kuwait.

If any university was welcoming a Miss America to speak, it would be an event to remember. To have her speak at Saturday's commencement for graduates of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences and Education is a proud moment, and one that any university would be honored to share with its graduates.

Dan Holsenbeck, the vice president of University Relations, chooses the graduation speakers, though President John Hitt has final approval. Holsenbeck asked, "How many Miss Americas do we have a year, and how many do you have at UCF?"

Dunlap is probably the second most well-known person to ever speak at a UCF graduation. She and President Richard Nixon are in a rare group that doesn't include local periodontists, political propagandists and homophobic politicians, such as last spring's commencement speakers Geraldine Ferris, Dave Weldon and Allen Trovillion, respectively.

Ferris is a member of the Board of Trustees, and spoke to graduates of her volunteer work overseas. However, many students were unaware as to what a periodontist was. Weldon spent his speech telling graduates to vote Bush/Cheney in November, something even Vice President Dick Cheney himself didn't do when he spoke at Florida State University's commencement. Trovillion, a state representative, previously told a group of gay students who showed up to lobby him in his Tallahassee office that God would "destroy" them and "a lot of others" for supporting gay rights.

Yet, despite the fact that Dunlap is prominent, non-partisan and not controversial, students would be justified in feeling cheated by the loss of any advice concerning life beyond textbooks and professors.

Dunlap is still a student at UCF. She still needs to finish her senior year to receive her degree in advertising/public relations.

The traditional purpose of a graduation speaker is to inspire graduates on life in the "real world" — full-time careers, families and paying off those student loans. Dunlap, while accomplished, knows as little of these subjects as her peers and classmates who will hear her speak at Saturday's graduation.

Writer Ellen Goodman told graduates at Northeastern Uni-

versity, "This afternoon, I solemnly promise that these have not been the best years of your lives. The truth is that people who look back to college as the peak experience have had the dreariest of adult-hoods."

For Dunlap, this year would surely rank among her peak experiences.

President George W. Bush famously told "C" students at his Yale alma mater that they, too, could become president of the United States.

The most Dunlap would be able to say is that those who are as talented, pretty and smart as her could be Miss America — something most people already know, something few Knights can reasonably hope to become.

Yet Holsenbeck still insists that those who think a graduation speaker should be a graduate are "uninformed and naive."

Miss America is a worthy speaker in the proper setting. Those leaving the campus cocoon, however, need more than just a pretty face and an uplifting message. They need true advice and shared experiences.

Even if the relative unknowns that UCF normally chooses for its commencement speakers don't always give legitimate advice, UCF shouldn't compound the error by choosing someone whose advice is so limited, no matter her or the university's intent.



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READER VIEWS

SunTrust's shady business practices

UCF students who care about human rights and the rights of workers to organize may want to think twice about having their financial aid checks deposited in SunTrust ["Not a SunTrust customer? Think again," July 21].

SINALTRAINAL, the union representing workers at Coca-Cola bottling plants in Colombia, is calling for SunTrust to bring pressure upon Coke to take steps to stop human-rights abuses against those workers. The reason for this is that SunTrust shares directors with Coke and owns 5 percent of the company's stock. In addition, SunTrust has major credit relationships with Coke.

In January, New York City Council member Hiram Monserrate led a delegation that included labor and student representatives on a 10-day fact-finding tour to Colombia to investigate Coca-Cola's human-rights violations. The delegation reported that it had found evidence of Coca-Cola's responsibility for "human rights abuses of its workers in Colombia ... [its] complicity is deepened by its repeated pattern of bringing criminal charges against union activists who have spoken out about the company's collusion with [right-wing] paramilitaries."

The full report and more information about the campaign to hold Coke accountable for its role in violating internationally recognized standards of worker rights in Colombia can be found at <http://www.killer-coke.org>. See also "Colombian Coca-Cola Workers Speak Out" (<http://www.colombia-journal.org/colombiall0.htm>).

UCF students can do their part to help Colombian workers struggling for basic freedoms by refusing to have their financial aid checks deposited at SunTrust and by boycotting Coca-Cola products. They should also let SunTrust and Coke know why they have lost their business.

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Protection stalled, needed

I saw this article ["Protections for gays still stalled," July 21] and felt it was time to respond truthfully. I am a retired employee of UCF with more than 27 years of service. I was promoted over eight years to a middle supervisory position. I developed programs that are still being currently used by the department I worked for.

Discrimination against gays? You bet there is! I endured things from employees in my own department and others that anyone these days would fire employees for. I stayed in a similar position for the next 20 years and figured it was time to retire, since I would never fit a mold that would get me promoted. I didn't figure I'd ever caused the agency any embarrassment, since I'd toned my life to keep with the mainstream. But, UCF has a specific type of "employee" that it wants, and I was not much to alter my beliefs to become that employee.

The benefits UCF offers employees are wonderful, but what does one have to sacrifice? Employees I have seen retire or leave seem much happier now, as am I. I am free to be me! Employee satisfaction at UCF does not equate to a happy work environment. Thanks, UCF, for all the memories!

— NAME WITHHELD BY REQUEST

Local activists help students stay involved

Kudos to the *Future* for the opinion piece ["We deserve to know, not just be notified," July 21] concerning the UCF administration's lack of marketing skills when it comes to events and meetings where the public and students could potentially oppose the school's plans for continued rapid and unsustainable growth — such as the recent Master Plan hearing that was not publicized to the UCF student body.

This is not the first time that President John Hitt and crew have felt the need to secretly protect their precious meetings and hearings from public — especially student — scrutiny. The last round of Master Planning Committee meetings and hearings went

largely unpublicized — though luckily, local activists like Sue Eberle kept students abreast of meeting dates and agendas, leading an effort which helped preserve the Arboretum and the Northwest Quadrant from unnecessary construction projects, such as more Greek housing despite the fact that fraternities and sororities already occupy the greatest swatch of residential land on campus.

Through poor advertising of these hearings and meetings, the administration was able to keep this agenda and its costs well hidden from student scrutiny.

While the president and his staff would defend themselves by pointing out the meeting was advertised in the *Orlando Sentinel*, they are missing the point: Their advertisement tactics allow them to fulfill their legal obligation of promoting the hearing while failing — almost intentionally — to make sure the student body is aware of the issue.

If the administration wishes to combat these criticisms, they will make a concerted effort to widely publicize all hearings and meetings in advance to insure students and community members can share their voice. Otherwise, it will be clear to students and the community that the administration is poorly publicizing these meetings in an effort to protect their agenda — namely, cancerous growth and elaborate development projects — from a largely oppositional public.

— KALIA DODGE

Letters way off mark

The July 21 issue of the *Future* contained many letters which were way off the mark in commenting on Isaac Babcock's July 14 article, "EU's largest addition struggles to forget horrific past."

These opinions are based on inaccurate historical facts and are not representative of the reality in Poland during WWII, nor the situation on the ground today. Mikolaj Wasowski wrote that Babcock "borders on historical revisionism." Also, Edward Arent implies that the Polish people during the Holocaust should be praised for saving so many Jews, and remarks that Pope John Paul II had a Jewish friend growing up.

I guess that should excuse the pope for remaining silent during the Holocaust while thousands in his backyard were rounded up and sent to the death camps. I wonder if the people writing these opinions have ever been to Poland, or seen the camps which only decades ago cultivated such hatred and inhumanity that will leave a mark on the decency of mankind forever. Although there are cases of righteous gentiles who risked their own lives to save not only Jews, but also people of other backgrounds who escaped the Nazis, there were too few cases of this. Millions of Jews, homosexuals, gypsies and others had their rights and freedoms taken away on the sole basis of who they were. Rev. Martin Niemöller, a pastor in the German Confessing Church, puts it best in his famous poem: "Then they came for me — and by that time, nobody was left to speak up." Indeed, society of that time in Poland and Europe turned a blind eye as millions of Jews were persecuted and murdered.

I am shocked to see that so many are ignorant of the horrific events of the Holocaust and subsequent affects, implying that Poland has nothing to be guilty of. The events during the Holocaust brought hell to earth for millions of Jews, during a time when entire families and Jewish communities were completely wiped out.

Out of the ashes and horror emerged a common post-Holocaust phrase for Jews: "Never again!" The courageous journey by Isaac Babcock to Poland, and his subsequent reporting, helps to affirm this statement. He should be commended for his article, which educates and helps to ensure that none will ever forget the Holocaust, rather than be criticized by ignorant people. The future generations of the Jewish people will never forget these atrocities, and neither should the rest of the world.

— NOAH SAPOSNIK

OUR STANCE

Lance Armstrong: A true poster boy

In a time when athletes are treated like gods and are the modern-day heroes of children and grownups alike, few actually live up to the admiration they are given.

Most of these titans use their fame, wealth and status to live a life much different from the norm. They exist under a different set of rules, where their accomplishments on the court and the field outweigh everything else.

They behave much the same as they did in high school and college. They knew they didn't have to get good grades — or even attend class.

As long as they excelled on the field and wore the school's colors, some coach or administrator would see to it that they always were able to wear a jersey and impress some alumni.

Truly a pathetic role model. Isn't anyone getting tired of worshipping these same tarnished figures? When do we draw the line about whose poster we choose to put up on the wall?

Record breakers aren't so impressive when they have to flagrantly use steroids to hit a little ball over a fence. On-field brawls and battered spouses don't exactly paint a picture that most people would want their children to witness.

Still, amidst the prima donas there are some who do rise above the rest by excelling both on and off the field. Lance Armstrong is such an athlete.

Cycling, of course, isn't the most popular spectator sport in America. Rough calculations would probably place it in 297th position — somewhere behind bass fishing and log cutting.

Despite that, probably 3-of-4 Americans know who Armstrong is. They know what he's done. What they likely don't know is what Armstrong has overcome to become what he is today — the first six-time winner of the Tour de France.

Armstrong was diagnosed in 1996 with an aggressive form of testicular cancer and was given a 50-percent chance of survival. Beyond cycling, not dying was his chief concern. In any case, he survived, and slowly worked his way back.

In just two short years he would be wearing the yellow winner's jersey, becoming only the second American ever to win the Tour de France — endearing himself to millions around the world.

He's become an American ambassador to a world too keen on Americans as of late. His success is evident. Thousands of French spectators

along the tour route were waving the flags of the United States and Armstrong's native Texas, for goodness sake.

Armstrong has denied ever using performance enhancing drugs, and accusations from as far back as 1999 have yet to gain any credibility.

The press has never reported on Armstrong being in a brawl, and he's never had a mug shot appear in the morning paper.

He never quit and that is something special.

Let's see, here's a man successful on the field. Here's a man who has avoided some of the pitfalls that other superstars have fallen into off the field.

Oh yes, the last piece of the puzzle is always the cash. After all, who doesn't dream of superstardom without picturing themselves with a fancy car in the garage of their fancy house?

Armstrong is extremely successful there. In endorsements alone, he pulled in nearly \$19 million last year — making him one of the most highly sought-after athletes, especially internationally.

He is a shining example of the kind of athlete that deserves our attention and our respect. He is proof that the easy way isn't always the best way. He is one athlete who deserves to have a poster on our walls.

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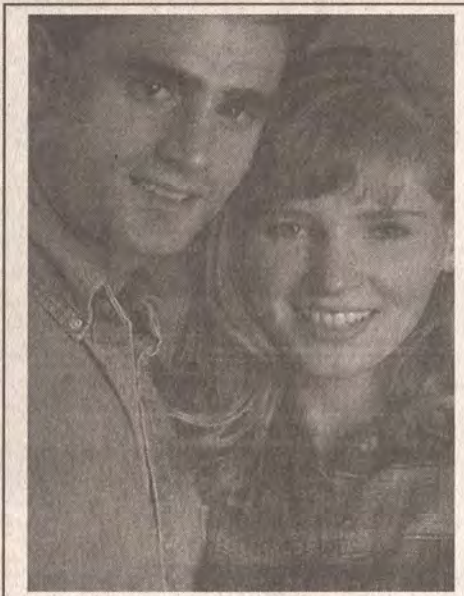
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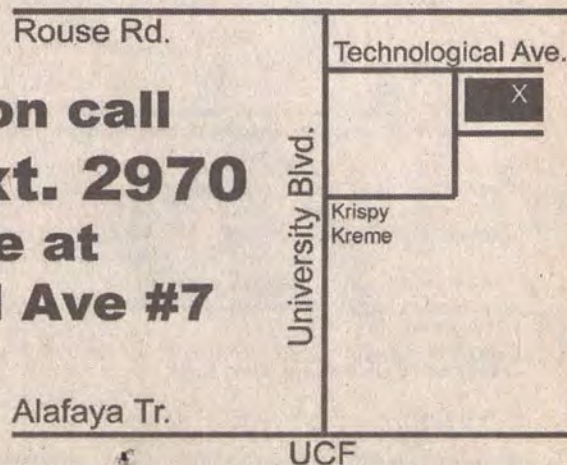
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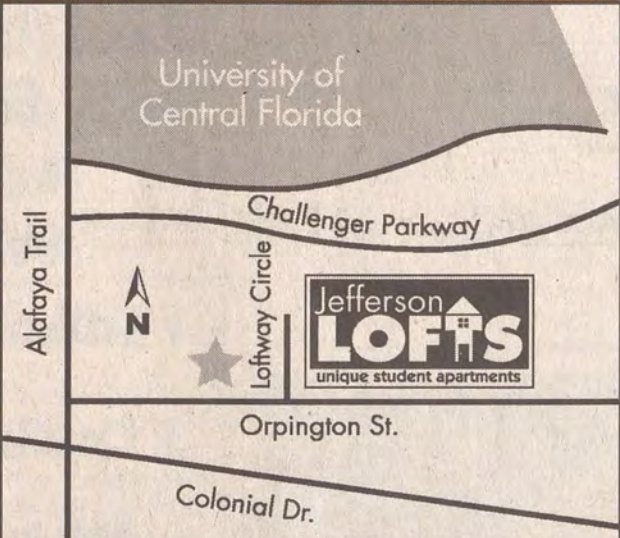


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